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Section 1

Amendments to the Claims

In the claims:

- 1. {Currently Amended} A hand gesture device, comprising a pliable artificial hand with an attachment apparatus at the end of the wrist opposite the fingers, said attachment apparatus being suitable for connection to a trailer hitch on a motor vehicle; wherein said device is capable of being set in position and holding said position indefinitely while remaining attached to said trailer hitch, even during operation of said motor vehicle.
- 2. {Original} The hand gesture device of claim I, further comprising a skeleton of stiff, yet bendable material.
- 3. {Original} The hand gesture device of claim 2, wherein said bendable material comprises metal wire.
- 4. {Original} The hand gesture device of claim 2, wherein said bendable material comprises one-quarter inch aluminum armature wire.
- 5. {Currently Amended} The hand gesture device of claim l, wherein said device is composed substantially of polymeric plastic material covering a skeleton of metal wire.
- 6. {Original} The hand gesture device of claim 5, wherein said plastic material comprises a silicone rubber-based compound.